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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 19 JULY 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraq's airspace by United States aircraft continued over the period from 1 to 15 July 1998 and that those aircraft carried out reconnaissance and engaged in acts of provocation. The details are as set forth in the annex to this letter.

You are requested to intervene with a view to bringing a halt to the actions which, as flagrant violations of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of international law, pose a threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Iraq.

These actions continue to alarm the civilian population and to cause material damage to private and public property. The Republic of Iraq asserts its right to seek legal compensation for the losses being inflicted on the Iraqi people and the Republic of Iraq in consequence of these actions.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Violations of Iraq's airspace and damage caused during the period 1-15 July 1998

1. In the northern region, 104 sorties were flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, over the following Iraqi cities and towns: Dohuk, Mosul, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Zakho, Irbil, Tall Afar, Rawandoz, Kuysanjaq and Rabi'ah.

2. In the southern region, 483 sorties were flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres over the following Iraqi cities and towns: Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Salman, Busayyah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Shinafiyah, Rumaythah, Basra, Hayy, Shatrah, Amarah, Qal'at Sukkar, Safwan, Suq al-Shuyukh, Hamzah, Maymunah, Abu Sukhayr, Taqtaqanah, Rifa'i, Najaf, Shithathah, Amghar, Ma'aniyah, Qal'at Salih, Ali al-Sharqi and Nukhayb.

3. There were 10 violations by sorties flown by TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft at a height of 20,000 metres and at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour.

4. At 1330 and 1400 hours on 1 July 1998, United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over the city of Umm Qasr.

5. At 1015 and 1100 hours on 2 and 3 July 1998, United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over the city of Umm Qasr.

6. At 1015 hours on 7 July 1998, a formation consisting of two United States aircraft broke the sound barrier over the Saddam Dam.

7. At 0950, 0917, 0935, 0940, 0950 and 1235 hours on 8 July 1998, United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over the city of Umm Qasr.

8. At 0805 and 0945 hours on 11 July 1998, United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over the city of Umm Qasr.

9. At 1203 hours on 11 July 1998, a formation of two United States aircraft dropped eight heat flares over the Rabi'ah area (Ninawa Governorate).

10. At 1030 hours on 13 July 1998, a formation of two United States aircraft broke the sound barrier over the city of Mosul.

11. At 1110 hours on 14 July 1998, a formation of two United States aircraft broke the sound barrier over the Alqosh area (city of Mosul).